

# **VR / DWD Collaboration Project Regional Action Planning Workshops**

## **Overview:**

As part of their Collaboration Project, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Vocational Rehabilitation Services are sponsoring a series of five regional workshops. DWD and VRS are entering into a period of unprecedented collaboration; the goal of which is for both agencies to work together to meet the various workforce development needs of the diverse population of Indiana. These workshops will explore how VR and DWD can work together to continuously improve customer services.

## **Workshop Objectives:**

- Promote information sharing, awareness, and coordination
- Cross-educate staff to promote customer service to individuals with disabilities
- Stimulate planning on local partnership enhancements

## **Questions to consider prior to attending Workshop:**

In order to enhance our conversations at your workshop, please give some thought to the following questions. In terms of VR/DWD/WorkOne Partner collaboration:

1. What is working? What joint efforts can you build on?
2. What are some problems/concerns?
3. What are some ideas/suggestions for improvement?
4. What information needs to be shared and how can communications be improved?
5. What has your area done to share information across programs on:
  - major programs and services provided?
  - what organizations provide the services?
  - partners, resources, and community alliances?
  - general eligibility for programs?
  - referral systems?

## **Facilitators:**

These workshops are being facilitated by the Lifelong Learning Institute in collaboration with Indiana University School of Continuing Studies

## **Dates and Locations:**

### **October 5, 2005 – Region 5**

VRS Offices: Bloomington, Columbus, Richmond, Seymour, and Clarksville

WorkOne Sites: Bedford, Bloomington, Columbus, Lawrenceburg, Madison, New Albany, and Richmond

Holiday Inn-Columbus

2480 Jonathan Moore Pike

Columbus, IN 47201

**October 12, 2005 – Region 2**

VRS Offices: Fort Wayne North and South, Kendallville, Kokomo, Logansport, Marion, Huntington, and Muncie

WorkOne Sites: Auburn, Fort Wayne, Kokomo, Marion, and Muncie

Mariott-Fort Wayne  
305 E. Washington Ctr. Rd.  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

**October 14, 2005 – Region 3**

VRS Offices: Anderson, Indianapolis Northeast, Central, West, and South

WorkOne Sites: Anderson, Shelbyville, Indianapolis Westside, Eastside, and Michigan St.

Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria and Banquet Hall  
100 Byrd Way  
Greenwood, IN 46142

**October 26, 2005 – Region 4**

VRS Offices: Evansville, Jasper, Lafayette, Terre Haute, Vincennes

WorkOne Sites: Evansville, Lafayette, Linton, Terre Haute, Vincennes

Holiday Inn-Terre Haute  
3300 Dixie Bee Highway  
Terre Haute, IN 47802

**November 2, 2005 – Region 1**

VRS Offices: Elkhart, Highland, Gary, South Bend, Valparaiso

WorkOne Sites: Elkhart, Gary, Hammond, LaPorte, South Bend

Indiana University South Bend  
Administration Building, Room 001A  
1700 Mishawaka Ave.  
South Bend, IN 46634

**Registration:**

Registration for these workshops is being coordinated by DWD Program Directors and VR Regional Managers for each Region listed above.

## **Workshop Agenda:**

### **AM (9:45 to 11:45)**

Meeting Kickoff and Introductions	15 minutes
VR/DWD State-Level Overviews	15 minutes
Brainstorming Session	30 minutes
Break	15 minutes
Brainstorming Session (cont.)	30 minutes
Identification of Action Priorities	15 minutes

### **11:45 AM to 12:30 PM**

**Lunch (provided)**

### **PM (12:30 to 3)**

Small Group Work (by local area)	90 minutes
Break	15 minutes
Reports by Small Groups*	30 minutes
Follow-Up Expectations	15 minutes
Adjourn	

\* Each local area's small group will be responsible for preparing and submitting notes from their sessions to regional leads.

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